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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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For: SHEET-MATERIAL FOREIGN-MATTER DETECTING METHOD  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION**

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July 19, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated July 12, 2000, enclosed herewith for filing is the executed Declaration and Assignment for the above-identified patent application.

A check in the amount of One Hundred Seventy Dollars (\$170.00) is enclosed to cover the cost of the surcharge for the late filing of the declaration of One Hundred Thirty Dollars (\$130.00) and the Recordation of Assignment fee of Forty Dollars (\$40.00). In the event that the check is not attached or any fees are otherwise required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 01-2300.

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